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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 7th day of October, 1999

Docket: OST-99-6058, R-1 through R-10 1/

Description: The agreement revises five existing resolutions governing IATA technical panels and boards that deal with cargo business procedures, dangerous goods, live animals and perishables, unit load devices (ULD's) and airmail by increasing the term of membership to four years with one-fourth of the members to be elected each year. The agreement also divides Resolution 606, dealing with cargo labels, into two separate resolutions, Resolutions 606 and 606a, governing bar coded and non-bar coded labels respectively. This division is undertaken for the sake of clarity and involves no material changes to the actual contents. Finally, it establishes an electronic data interchange manual under new Resolution 657 to facilitate interfacing between the automated systems of IATA members and various postal authorities, and adopts new Recommended Practice 1600g which establishes a standardized accounting document for courier baggage to be used in conjunction with various carrier settlement systems.

We do not find the resolutions incorporated in the above docket to be adverse to the public interest or in violation of 49 U.S.C. 41309, provided that approval is subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

Accordingly, we approve and grant antitrust immunity to the agreement, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of ten days, unless within such period a petition for review is filed pursuant to 14 CFR 385.30 or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion. Such actions are subject to judicial review under 49 U.S.C. 46110.

Given the noncontroversial nature of this agreement and the availability of the above procedure, we are waiving the 21-day period prescribed by 14 CFR 303.42.

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1/ IATA memorandum CSC/21/Meet/005/99, adopted at the 21st Cargo Service Conference and filed with the Department on August 4, 1999.